

We're working with the
United States Coast Guard
to clear abandoned
vessels, trees and other
storm debris from more
than 130 miles of
Livingston Parish
waterways to ensure
your safety and enjoyment.
Read on ...



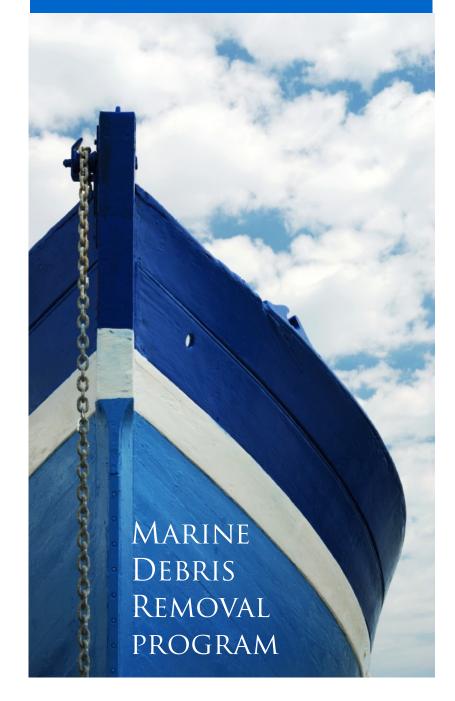
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## MARINE DEBRIS CLEANUP

Abandoned vessels, tires, discarded appliances, tanks and trees soon will be cleared from Livingston Parish waterways.

Livingston Parish is partnering with the United States Coast Guard to clean up marine debris in the Amite River, the Tickfaw River, Lake Maurepas and other major waterways.

Submerged, invisible vessels and other refuse prove hazardous to moving boats and swimmers. Their discarded carcasses also pose a danger to wildlife, impede navigation and pollute environmentally sensitive areas with leaking fuel or chemicals.

The project is part of the Louisiana Marine Debris Program, aimed at identifying, documenting and removing marine debris caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita that continues to litter the state's waterways.

The Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness called upon the federal government in 2007 to expand marine debris removal to smaller waterways frequented by recreational and commercial boats.

Livingston Parish is one of 23 parishes south of the 10/12 corridor eligible for the program, which targets only that debris that creates an economic, environmental or safety issue, and was caused by hurricanes Katrina or Rita. Cleanup is expected to begin in late winter or early spring.

### in Livingston Parish

Some 26 abandoned party barges, wooden pirogues, houseboats and pleasure craft are targeted for removal. Owners have until Dec. 19 to claim those vessels, or they will be declared abandoned and removed. Once an owner claims ownership of a vessel, he or she has 10 days to remove it, or it will be discarded at the owner's cost. For a listing and location of all Livingston Parish vessels slated for removal, go to www.louisianamarinedebris.com. For more information, call Fred Armand at 225-686-3066, Ext. 4.

#### NINE TARGETED WATERWAYS

- ▶ Amite River
- ▶ Lake Maurepas
- ▶ Bayou Chene Blanc
- Lizard Creek
- ▶ Blind River
- Natalbany River
- ▶ Blood River
- ▶ Tickfaw River
- Diversion Canal

